(x) Steps are being initiated to strengthen Rajya Sainik Boards and Zilla Sainik Boards in all States to take necessary follow up action on the grievances of soldiers in their home towns/villages.

(d) There is no proposal to engage NGOs for stress management in Armed Forces. Armed Forces have enough infrastructure and expertise to handle the problem.

(e) Does not arise.

Contracts by BRO for construction and maintenance of roads

†1689. SHRI SURENDERA LATH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Roads Organisation gives contracts for construction and maintenance of roads of strategic importance to private contractors, while it has no shortage of army personnel and civilians;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the total length of roads/highways of strategic importance, in kms; constructed by Border Roads Organisation so far, State-wise;

(c) the total number of projects being run by Border Roads Organisation, State-wise;

(d) whether any projects is under construction by Border Roads Organisation in Orissa; and

(e) the norms for awarding projects to Border Roads Organisation in different States?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir. Roadworks are executed departmentally, however, construction of some major bridges is done through contract.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Construction of roads by BRO is decided on the basis of strategic requirements of the Army and security considerations.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise details of projects, which are being run/in operation by order Roads Organisation

State	No. of Job in Operation
Sikkim	35
Assam	53
Nagaland	26
Arunachal Pradesh	87
Manipur	20
Tripura	39
Mizoram	38
Meghalaya	09
Uttaranchal	185
Himachal Pradesh	97
J & K	520
Punjab	40
Rajasthan	47
Maharashtra	34
Chhattisgarh	26
Andhra Pradesh	08
Andaman and Nicobar	03

Manufacture of MiG-20 aircrafts with Russian collaboration

†1690. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to manufacture MiG-20 fighter aircrafts, in collaboration with Russia; and

(b) if so, the details of agreement entered into with Russia?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tightening of security by Navy and Coast Guard

1691. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been in the process of tightening the security and surveillance apparatus along the coastal regions, and the

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